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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) MRKS/0029
	In re Application of : Bernd-Georg Pietras	
	Application Number: 09/762,699	Filed: May 10, 2001
	Customer No.: 36735	
	For: Methods And Apparatus For Connecting Tubulars Using A Top Drive	
	Art Unit: 3672	Examiner: Essama Omgbra

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))             | \$ <u>      .00</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ <u>420.00</u>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))          | \$ <u>      .00</u> |
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$       .00

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-0782/MRKS/A0029/WBP.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.                                                                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>34,102</u>                                                |
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